

The Planning Commission Roundtable

Fairfax County Cable Channel 16

Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.

Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m., Fairfax County Cable Channel 16 broadcasts “The Planning Commission Roundtable,” a 30-minute program for citizens, land owners, civic associations and developers who wish to gain a better understanding of the Fairfax County Planning Commission’s role in land use planning and development in the county. The program is moderated by the Commission Chairman, Peter F. Murphy, Springfield District and discussion topics and guests change on a monthly basis. Viewers can also submit questions of general interest on the land use process by mail or e-mail to be addressed in future programs.

Current Program Schedule:

The County’s Affordable Housing programs – Broadcast in February 2005

This month’s broadcast features Planning Commission Chairman Pete Murphy, and its Housing Committee Chairman Rodney Lusk, joined by Ron Christian, Vice Chairman, Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RHA), as they discuss the affordable housing “crunch” in Fairfax County and what RHA and the Department of Housing and Community Development are doing to address those needs through currently existing programs.

Previous Episodes:

Geographic Information System – Rebroadcast in December 2004/January 2005

Imagine being able to go to an internet site, type in a county property address and get a list of zoning hearings pending within a certain area of that address. Or imagine being able to view a color coded map of the county showing the planning districts, voting districts, locations of police stations, fire stations, or school boundaries. Or imagine being able to download and print a map of any parcel in the county. These are just a few of the services available to county citizens through the county's Geographic Information System or GIS. The August/September broadcast featured Planning Commission Chairman Pete Murphy and At Large Planning Commissioner Walter Alcorn, along with Mike Liddle, GIS Manager, and Tom Conry, GIS & Mapping Branch Manager, exploring the many practical uses of GIS currently available to the general public, as well as additional uses planned for the future.

County’s Revitalization Areas: new programs – Broadcast in November/December 2004

This broadcast features Planning Commission Chairman Pete Murphy, and its Housing Committee Chairman Rodney Lusk, joined by Harry Swanson, Deputy Director, Revitalization and Real Estate, Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), as they discuss how HCD is promoting public and private investment and reinvestment in designated revitalization areas in Fairfax County.

Current & future plans for Fort Belvoir – Broadcast in September/October 2004

This broadcast features Planning Commission Chairman Pete Murphy, along with Vice Chairman John Byers, joined by Col. T.W. Williams, Fort Belvoir Installation Commander and William Sanders, Fort Belvoir's Public Works Director, as they discuss the current and future plans for the Fort Belvoir Army Installation in the Mount Vernon District and its impact on Fairfax County.

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Revised Outdoor Lighting Standards – Broadcast in July 2004

The July broadcast explores the revised changes to the County Code on Outdoor Lighting Standards which were adopted by the Board of Supervisors in June 2003. Discussion focuses on what the changes were, including examples of various types of lighting fixtures, who they affected and how they are enforced by the County. Panelists welcomed by Commission Chairman Pete Murphy are Jack Reale and Roger Sims with the Department of Planning and Zoning, and At-Large Commissioner Laurie Frost Wilson.

Planned U.S. Army Museum at Fort Belvoir – Broadcast in June 2004

The June broadcast focuses on an overview of the planned National Museum of the United States Army and its historical and economic rationale for locating at Fort Belvoir in Fairfax County. The Museum is currently planned for 2009 completion. Guests welcomed by Commission Chairman Pete Murphy were: General Creighton Abrams, U.S. Army Retired, the Executive Director of the Army Historical Foundation; Col. Ray Bluhm, U.S. Army Retired, the Chief Financial Officer of the Army Historical Foundation; and Jeb Bennett, the Director of the National Museum of the United States Army.

Area Plans Review Process – Broadcast in April and May 2004

Planning Commission Chairman Pete Murphy and Commissioner Janet Hall discuss the County's Area Plans Review Process and how it relates to the Comprehensive Plan with Alison Kriviskey, a Senior Planner with the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning.

Laurel Hill Redevelopment – Broadcast in February and March 2004

For years it was known as the Lorton Prison. Today that area is being redeveloped as Laurel Hill. On this edition of Planning Commission Roundtable, Chairman Pete Murphy talks with Tim Sargeant, Chairman of the Laurel Hill Adoptive Re-Use Task Force, and Mount Vernon District Commissioner John Byers about the Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Program plans and the Lorton Arts Foundation proposal for the former Lorton Prison property.

Planning Commission 65th Anniversary – Broadcast in January 2004

On July 6, 1938, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors created the Planning Commission by selecting 5 citizens to oversee the land use system in Fairfax County. Since that time, over 100 citizen planners have served as members of the Planning Commission. On this edition of the PC Roundtable, two former members of the Commission, George Lilly, former Chairman and representative of the Dranesville District, and the Honorable Rosemarie Annunziata, former Providence District representative, and one current member, Suzanne Harsel, representing Braddock District, discuss past highlights of their Commission service and how it compares with the planning process today. The program is moderated by Peter F. Murphy, Jr., Chairman and Springfield representative.

Park Authority's Needs Assessment Study – Broadcast October -- December 2003

Guests for this broadcast are Winnie Shapiro, Chairman, Park Authority Board; Michael Kane, Director, Park Authority; and Frank de la Fe, Commissioner, Hunter Mill District. The program focused on the purpose and outcomes of the needs assessment study conducted for the Park

Authority and how this information will focus efforts for determining future park needs in the County.

Planning Commission Website – Broadcast in August and September 2003

This broadcast features Barbara J. Lippa, Executive Director, and Laura Kaulback Espiritu, Management Analyst II, of the Planning Commission Office. The participants discussed the useful information currently available on the Planning Commission Web site and provided a step-by-step overview of how to access the site and the various pages and information within the site.

Revitalization Efforts in the Richmond Highway Corridor– Broadcast in July 2003

Guests for this broadcast were: Commissioner John B. Kelso, Lee District, and Becky Witsman, Executive Director, Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation. Discussion focused on the continuing land use changes in the Richmond Highway Corridor and the role of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation in helping to encourage business development in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Tree Preservation – Broadcast in June 2003

The June broadcast featured Commissioner Suzanne F. Harsel, Braddock District, and Michael Knapp, Director, Urban Forestry Division, Office of Site Development Services, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. This program featured information on the role of the Urban Forester's Office and how they strive to preserve viable trees in the land use process.

Residential Development Criteria – Broadcast in May 2003

Guests on this program included Commissioners Walter L. Alcorn, At-Large; Linda F. Smyth, Providence District; and Barbara Byron, Director, Zoning Evaluation Division, Department of Planning and Zoning. The discussion centered on the changes made to the residential development criteria, which is used to evaluate zoning requests for new residential development in the County, the process involved in making those changes, and the outreach program that helped “fine-tune” those criteria.

FY 2004-2008 Capital Improvement Program – Broadcast in April 2003

This broadcast featured Dranesville Commissioner Joan M. DuBois; Deputy County Executive Robert Stalzer; David Marshall, Assistant Director, Planning Division,

Department of Planning and Zoning; and Martha Reed, Senior Budget Analyst, Department of Management and Budget. Discussion centered on the reformatted Capital Improvement Program, featured information in the document, its relationship to the County's Comprehensive Plan, and its importance in the County's land use process.

Planning Commission Overview – Broadcast in February/March 2003

This first monthly broadcast was a roundtable discussion with Barbara J. Lipka, Executive Director, and Sara Robin Hardy, Assistant Director, of the Fairfax County Planning Commission Office. The participants discussed duties of the Commission, composition and current membership, as well as the organization and responsibilities of the Commission staff. The legal notification process for public hearings was also addressed.

For more information...

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